Legislative Testimony Insurance and Real Estate Committee Proposed HB 6088 An Act Concerning Disclosure of Certain Third-Party Administrator Fees Thursday, February 14, 2019

Dear Senator Lesser, Representative Scanlon, and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

My name is Dr. Richard D. Riddle and I have been practicing dentistry in Connecticut since 1984, the first 4 years of which were at a public health clinic in Bridgeport. I was a dentist and Dental Director, at Southwest Community Health Center from 1984 to 1988. After that I opened my private practice in Southington, CT.

I am writing in support of proposed HB 6088 – An Act Concerning Disclosure of Certain Third-Party Administrator Fees.

Most 3rd party payers in Connecticut these days, tell us what their fees are and tell our patients what they can expect to pay as their portion for treatment rendered. There is a small minority that doesn't do this. With the changing landscape of healthcare in the State, it is imperative that we be allowed to know what fees we can expect to be paid before we do a particular procedure for our patient. This legislation would simply allow dentists to be treated the same as our medical colleagues.

As a simple act of fairness, I urge you to support SB HB 6088.

Respectfully Submitted,

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